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APP # 1051

The Honorable  
The Director of the  
Bureau of the Budget  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lawton:

The generally increasing international tensions, and particularly the developments in sensitive areas with which you are familiar, have resulted in increased responsibilities to the Central Intelligence Agency. These require acceleration in the fields of intelligence collection and services of common concern to other vitally interested departments of the government.

In compliance with directives from the National Security Council certain program objectives scheduled for gradual development must now be accomplished during fiscal year 1952. These developments had not been anticipated at the time the 1952 estimates were prepared.

The amount requested in the original budget submission for fiscal year 1952 was [redacted]. The supplemental estimate of funds includes an increase of [redacted] for planned operations as set forth in detail in the attached budget document. The major portion of this increase [redacted] is required for overseas activities in the fields of intelligence collection and other operations of common concern. The remaining [redacted] is required for supporting functions such as training, communications, administrative support, and for the further development of organizational segments concerned with research, analysis and dissemination of intelligence. The strengthening of these activities cannot be postponed to subsequent fiscal years without weakening the overall effectiveness of the intelligence program for which this Agency is responsible.

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In addition to the [redacted] increase requested for planned operations there is also included an item of [redacted] to provide for a "Contingency Fund" to provide for unforeseen projects of an urgent nature which may be developed during the year by CIA or assigned to the Agency for implementation and operation. This "Contingency Fund" has the informal concurrence of representatives of the JCS, and the Departments of State and Defense, after a review of current commitments and programs in relation to the international situation.

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The overall amount requested for CIA planned programs and contingencies for the fiscal year 1952 totals [redacted]

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This supplemental request will be submitted to the National Security Council for review and approval. The Council's recommendation will be forwarded to your office.

Sincerely,

/s/

WALTER F. SMITH  
Director

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